Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: April 16, 2018	Bureau/Station/Facility: Lakewood Sheriff's Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐ Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 015-04400-1328-056	Date: 03/03/15 Time: 1435
City or Station: Lakewood	Nature of Incident: Deputies responded to call for service and were confronted by the suspect armed with a knife. The suspect advanced toward the deputy, who fired and struck the suspect.
Location: [redacted] 215th Street, Lakewood, CA.	

Location Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☑ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☐ Street
- Other: ______

Lighting (check only one):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 8 Feet

Incident Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other: ______

Initiated by (check only one):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☑ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
3	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	Nowell	Brian	D.	☐ EM ☐ PM ☑ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
				☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Meza	Jorge	A	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Murray	William	R	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Lim	Lewis	N.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Lindblom	Eric	R.

PSTD Use Only

SH # 2375405

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
03/03/15	1844	04/27/18	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Flores	David	
[redacted]	Martin	Daniel	W.
[redacted]	Uribe	Jose	G.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
10) 10 mm
12) 12 guage
20) 20 guage
21) .22-250
22) .22 caliber
23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S-1	E-1	OE					NN	
E-1	S-1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	AD

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Involved Employee Information

URN: 015-04400-1328-056

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Santoyo | First Name: Sergio | M.I.: A.

Sex: M | Race: H | Rank: Deputy | Unit Assignment: Lakewood | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 132D

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☑ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☑

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 9 | Duty Time (hrs): [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: 30 | Height: 5' 10" | Weight: 180

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date: [redacted]

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson | Caliber: 9mm | # Shots: 3 | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I. [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I.

E ___

Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? ☐

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? ☐ | Patrol Certification? ☐ | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? ☐ | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: ☐

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name: Hohn		First Name: Steven	M.I. P.
	AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	Sex: M Race: W	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
	Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's Licens[redacted]
	Age: 50 D.O.B. 03/31/1964	Height: 5-10 Weight: 210	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
	Booking # 4258786	Primary Charge: 245(c) PC	Secondary Charge: 3056 PC	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Antidepressants
	Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☑
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

S	Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
	Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
	Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
	Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
	Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
[redacted]	[redacted]			
Street Address	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	

Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
[redacted]	[redacted]			
Street Address	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**	
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting, Suspect Injured**
IAB FILE #:	**SH 2375405**
URN #:	**015-04400-1328-056**
DATE/TIME:	**March 3, 2015 / 1435 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **215th Street, Lakewood**

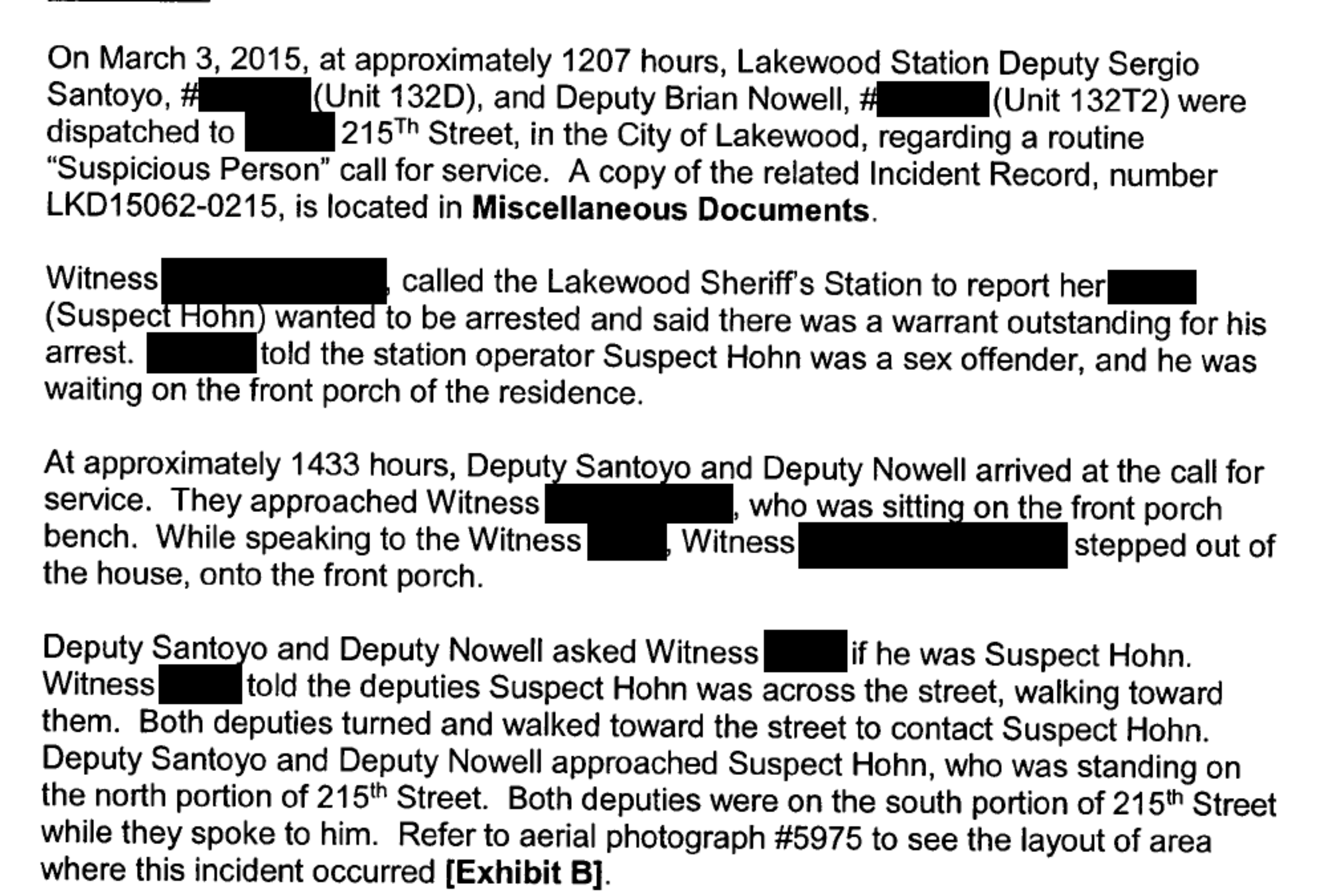
SUMMARY

On March 3, 2015, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team, comprised of Lieutenant David Flores, #[redacted], Sergeants Daniel Martin, #[redacted] and Jose Uribe, #[redacted], responded to Lakewood Station regarding an on-duty deputy involved hit shooting. Suspect Steven Paul Hohn (hereafter referred to as Suspect Hohn) sustained three gunshot wounds (one chest, two abdomen). He was subsequently transported to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries. The involved deputies were not injured during the incident. On April 17, 2017, this case was reassigned to Sergeant Israel Renteria and later reassigned to Sergeant John Gutierrez on September 21, 2017.

IAB Lieutenant Flores confirmed the on-duty watch commander, Lieutenant Eric Lindblom, #[redacted], took reasonable steps to ensure the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident amongst themselves, or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Flores confirmed the involved personnel gathered in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Detectives Judith Luera, #[redacted] and Timothy O'Quinn, #[redacted] under the supervision of Lieutenant [redacted], #[redacted], from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information regarding the shooting investigation refer to the Homicide Bureau casebook under URN #015-04400-1328-056 **[Exhibit A]**.

SYNOPSIS



On March 3, 2015, at approximately 1207 hours, Lakewood Station Deputy Sergio Santoyo, #[redacted] (Unit 132D), and Deputy Brian Nowell, #[redacted] (Unit 132T2) were dispatched to [redacted] 215Th Street, in the City of Lakewood, regarding a routine "Suspicious Person" call for service. A copy of the related Incident Record, number LKD15062-0215, is located in **Miscellaneous Documents**.

Witness [redacted], called the Lakewood Sheriff's Station to report her [redacted] (Suspect Hohn) wanted to be arrested and said there was a warrant outstanding for his arrest. [redacted] told the station operator Suspect Hohn was a sex offender, and he was waiting on the front porch of the residence.

At approximately 1433 hours, Deputy Santoyo and Deputy Nowell arrived at the call for service. They approached Witness [redacted], who was sitting on the front porch bench. While speaking to the Witness [redacted], Witness [redacted] stepped out of the house, onto the front porch.

Deputy Santoyo and Deputy Nowell asked Witness [redacted] if he was Suspect Hohn. Witness [redacted] told the deputies Suspect Hohn was across the street, walking toward them. Both deputies turned and walked toward the street to contact Suspect Hohn. Deputy Santoyo and Deputy Nowell approached Suspect Hohn, who was standing on the north portion of 215th Street. Both deputies were on the south portion of 215th Street while they spoke to him. Refer to aerial photograph #5975 to see the layout of area where this incident occurred **[Exhibit B]**.

Both deputies saw a knife in the suspect's hand, which was in the open-blade position. Both deputies repeatedly ordered the suspect to drop the knife, but Suspect Hohn ignored their commands.

Deputy Nowell went to Deputy Santoyo's patrol vehicle to retrieve a Taser, entering the front passenger door. While Deputy Nowell was reaching into the patrol vehicle to retrieve the Taser, Suspect Hohn advanced toward Deputy Santoyo. Deputy Santoyo repeatedly ordered Suspect Hohn to stop and drop the knife, but Suspect Hohn ignored his commands.

Suspect Hohn told Deputy Santoyo, "No. Fuck you. You're going to have to shoot me." Suspect Hohn held the knife in his right hand and continued to advance toward Deputy Santoyo. Deputy Santoyo stepped backwards several feet, but Suspect Hohn closed the distance to him, coming within eight to ten feet. Fearing for his life, and the life of his partner, Deputy Santoyo fired three rounds from his duty weapon, striking Suspect Hohn in the chest and abdomen.

Deputy Santoyo requested the duplex patch, via his radio. He broadcasted to the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC), 9-9-8, which indicated he was involved in a shooting **[Exhibit C, SCC radio traffic]**. Deputy Nowell advised SCC he needed

medical assistance for the suspect and he coordinated additional units to assist and to secure the area.

Deputy Santoyo and Deputy Nowell stepped back to place distance between them and Suspect Hohn, who was still holding the knife. While Suspect Hohn was lying on the ground, the deputies gave him commands to drop the knife. The suspect initially ignored their commands, but he eventually tossed the knife away from his person.

Deputy Santoyo kept his duty weapon pointed at Suspect Hohn as both deputies approached him. Deputy Nowell visually checked Suspect Hohn, but no other weapons were found.

Suspect Hohn was transported to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center for treatment for his gunshot wounds.

The entire incident was captured by security surveillance cameras that were mounted on a house located at [redacted] 215th Street, Lakewood **[Exhibit D, 12452 215th Street, surveillance video]**. The surveillance video recording was consistent with the deputies' accounts.

> **IAB Note: A comparison of the surveillance video footage time stamp and the SCC radio transmission revealed an approximate fifty five minute time difference, which was determined to be a time demarcation error in the privately owned surveillance video.**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Suspect Hohn by Deputy Santoyo. In their letter of opinion dated June 1, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputy Santoyo acted in lawful self-defense **[Exhibit E]**.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND WORK HISTORY

Sergio A. Santoyo, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

South Patrol Division
Lakewood Station

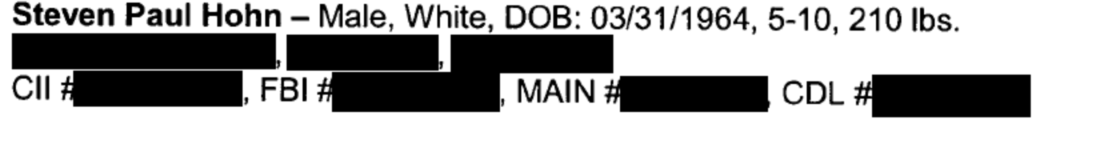
Date of Employment:	February 5, 2007
Date Assigned to Patrol/[redacted]:	[redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

[redacted], Deputy Santoyo [redacted]

Equipment Worn on Person

On March 3, 2015, Deputy Santoyo was wearing his Class "A" uniform with a protective vest and a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment worn on his duty belt included his Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm firearm, two loaded Department issued magazines, handcuffs, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, handheld radio, flashlight and keys.

SUSPECT INFORMATION



Steven Paul Hohn – Male, White, DOB: 03/31/1964, 5-10, 210 lbs.
[redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
CII #[redacted], FBI #[redacted], MAIN #[redacted], CDL #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Hohn [redacted]. Suspect Hohn's Consolidated Criminal History Report is included in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 64-88]**

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Hohn sustained one gunshot wound to his chest, and two gunshot wounds to his abdomen. As a result of his injuries, Suspect Hohn was paralyzed from the waist down and suffered liver damage.

> **IAB Note: Suspect Hohn's lab results from Long Beach Memorial Hospital returned positive for Benzodiazepine. Refer to lab results in Miscellaneous Documents.**

> **IAB Note: Benzodiazepine is a drug that affects the neurotransmitters in the brain. Benzodiazepine is used to treat anxiety and depression.**

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during the course of this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 112-126]**. Also see scene photographs of the evidence **[Exhibit B]**.

INVESTIGATORS OBSEVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Investigators Raymond Lugo, #[redacted], and Joseph Ramirez, #[redacted], and documented with photographs. The scene description covered the entire incident and shooting location. The descriptions were consistent with the observations of the IAB investigators who responded to the scene.

Forensic Identification Specialists Yvette Gonzalez, #[redacted], Alexis Alusha, #[redacted], and Stefanie Marr, #[redacted], assisted Homicide Bureau investigators with the processing of the crime scene. For details, see the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A pages 44-46]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with the initial IAB investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed and sketched by the Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau. Included as a permanent record within the IAB casebook are compact discs containing aerial photographs of the scene, photographs of involved deputy personnel, and scene investigation photographs **[Exhibit B]**. For a copy of the crime scene sketch and evidence collected, see **[Exhibit F]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY SANTOYO

Deputy Santoyo fired three rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P semiautomatic pistol, serial number HRK3775. The firearm was examined by Homicide Investigators Luera and O'Quinn. They later released custody of the firearm to Deputy John Chun of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Crime Lab, who subsequently booked the firearm into evidence for further examination. Deputy Santoyo's weapon was found to be functional. See Scientific Services Bureau's Test Fire and Function Check Report **[Exhibit G]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]

> **IAB Note: Deputy Personnel are required to qualify [redacted]. A copy of the involved deputies' complete training records, including range qualification scores and dates, were included as a permanent record within this IAB casebook [Exhibit H].**

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT HOHN

Suspect Hohn was in possession of a "Stanley" utility knife, black handle, metal blade. See Scientific Services Bureau Laboratory Examination Report **[Exhibit A, page 125]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

No property damage was identified.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred in the City of Lakewood, at 1435 hours. The weather was clear and cool.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed Sheriff's Communications Center's (SCC) radio traffic associated with the incident **[Exhibit I]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

DISPATCH CHANNEL

1435 Hours – Deputy Santoyo requested the duplex patch. He puts out radio traffic advising of a deputy-involved shooting.

1435 Hours – Deputy Nowell requests the Fire Department for a wounded suspect.

1436 – Deputy Nowell coordinates units to contain the crime scene.

1445 – Units switch to A-Tac 4. SCC drops the duplex patch.

A-TAC 4

Frequency A-Tac 4 was used by Lakewood Station personnel at the command post to coordinate their resources.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

During a canvass of the scene, Homicide Bureau investigators discovered video surveillance at [redacted] 215th Street (Times obtained from video display. Time on the display is approximately fifty five minutes faster than actual time). Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed the surveillance footage associated with the incident **[Exhibit D]**. The following is a brief synopsis of the footage:

[redacted] 215th STREET, NORTH/WEST FACING CAMERA:

03:30:30 - Deputies arrive at [redacted] 215th street.

03:30:51 - Deputies approach front porch.

03:31:12 - Deputies contact Suspect Hohn on the street.

03:31:15 - Deputy Nowell walks to the patrol car for a Taser.

03:31:22 - Deputy Santoyo points his firearm at Suspect Hohn as he advanced.

03:31:32 - Deputy Santoyo shoots his firearm at Suspect Hohn, who appeared to be struck by gunfire.

03:31:33 - Suspect Hohn falls to the ground.
03:33:15 - Deputies approach Suspect Hohn.

[redacted] 215th STREET, PORCH, WEST FACING CAMERA:

03:30:00 – Witness [redacted] sitting on the front porch.

03:30:48 – Deputies appear on the front lawn by the front porch.

03:30:52 – Witness [redacted] exits the house, onto the front porch.

03:31:02 – Deputy Santoyo walks toward the street from the front porch.

03:31:30 – Witness [redacted], and Witness [redacted] enter the house.

03:37:36 – Witness [redacted] exits the house onto the front porch.

03:37:59 – Witness [redacted] exits house onto the front porch. Witness [redacted] reenters the house. One of the deputies is viewed from chest down on video.

03:38:20 – Witness's [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] are escorted away from the house by a deputy.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digital audio recorded and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by involved Department personnel.

WITNESS DEPUTY BRIAN NOWELL:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 3, 2015, Deputy Brian Nowell was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Luera and O'Quinn. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 35-36]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On April 20, 2018, at approximately 1211 hours, Deputy Nowell was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants John Gutierrez and Andy Ruiz. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On March 3, 2015, Deputy Nowell was working patrol on day shift (132T2) along with Deputy Sergio Santoyo (132D). Deputy Nowell had been in patrol for approximately [redacted]. He was assigned to Lakewood Station in May, 2000.

Deputy Nowell said he was dispatched to [redacted] 215th Street regarding a "Suspicious Person" call for service. Deputy Nowell said the call indicated Steven Hohn (Suspect) was at the location and wanted to be arrested for not reporting as a sex registrant. Deputy Nowell followed Deputy Santoyo to the call from a [redacted].

Deputy Nowell said he arrived at the house with Deputy Santoyo and he approached a male (Witness [redacted]) who was sitting on the front porch. Deputy Nowell asked Witness [redacted] if he was "Steve." Witness [redacted] directed them to Suspect Hohn, who was across the street, walking south toward them.

Deputy Nowell said he and Deputy Santoyo walked toward Suspect Hohn, who was standing on the north side of 215th Street. Deputy Nowell said he saw Suspect Hohn holding a knife in his hand. He immediately gave Suspect Hohn commands to drop the knife. Suspect Hohn replied, "No." Deputy Nowell said Suspect Hohn was not angry and appeared calm, but he did not follow his commands to drop the knife. Deputy Nowell asked Deputy Santoyo if he had a Taser in his patrol vehicle. Deputy Nowell went to Deputy Santoyo's vehicle that was adjacent to him, to retrieve the Taser that was hanging from the headrest.

> **IAB Note: Scientific Services Bureau photographed the interior of Deputy Santoyo's vehicle [Exhibit B, photos, #4773]. Deputy Santoyo's Taser was in a holster, hanging from the Shotgun, adjacent to the passenger seat headrest.**

Deputy Nowell said as he was retrieving the Taser from the vehicle, he heard three gunshots. He directed his attention back toward Deputy Santoyo who appeared to have backed up from the last position he saw him prior to retrieving the Taser. Deputy Nowell noticed Deputy Santoyo had his gun pointed at Suspect Hohn, who was lying in the gutter in front of [redacted] 215th Street.

Deputy Nowell said he checked if Deputy Santoyo was okay. He then focused his attention toward Suspect Hohn. Deputy Nowell said he requested medical assistance over the duplex patch and directed assisting units to respond and to contain the area.

Deputy Nowell said he approached Suspect Hohn, checked him for additional weapons and surveyed his injuries. Deputy Nowell said he asked Suspect Hohn why he did not drop the knife when ordered. Suspect Hohn told Deputy Nowell he wanted Deputy Santoyo to shoot him. Deputy Nowell did not fire his weapon during the incident.

Deputy Nowell was relieved at the scene and transported to Lakewood Sheriff's Station by Sergeant Vernola.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE SERGIO SANTOYO:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 3, 2015, Deputy Sergio Santoyo, was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Luera and O'Quinn. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 37-39]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

Homicide Bureau Round Count

On March 3, 2015, Homicide Investigators O'Quinn and Luera of Deputy Santoyo's firearm, Smith & Wesson M&P, serial number HRK3775, at Lakewood Sheriff's Station. The firearm contained a total of fifteen rounds, fourteen in the magazine and one in the chamber.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

On April 13, 2018, at approximately 1309 hours, Deputy Santoyo was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau by IAB Sergeants John Gutierrez and Omar Camacho. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is a summary of the interview:

On March 3, 2015, Deputy Santoyo was working patrol on day shift (132D) along with Deputy Nowell (132T2). Deputy Santoyo had been in patrol for approximately [redacted]. He was assigned to Lakewood Station in September, 2012.

Deputy Santoyo said he was dispatched to [redacted] 215th Street regarding a "Suspicious Person," a routine call for service. The call indicated Steven Hohn (Suspect) was a sexual offender registrant and that he was waiting for the deputies in front of the location. Prior to responding, Deputy Santoyo contacted the sex registrant investigator at Lakewood Station. He was informed Suspect Hohn was [redacted] Suspect Hohn and [redacted] In addition, Deputy Santoyo reviewed the call for service and noted there was no indication in the call details that Suspect Hohn was armed. During the time he contacted the station investigator, Deputy Santoyo coordinated with Deputy Nowell who met him in a predetermined location, prior to driving to the call for service.

Deputy Santoyo said he drove to the call for service and Deputy Nowell followed him in a separate patrol car. Deputy Santoyo arrived at the location and contacted a male (Witness [redacted]) who was sitting on the front porch, located at [redacted] 215th Street. He asked Witness [redacted] if he was "Steven" (Suspect Hohn). Witness [redacted] told him, "No." Deputy Santoyo said as he was talking to Witness [redacted], a male (Witness [redacted]) exited the front door. Deputy Santoyo asked Witness [redacted] if he was "Steven," which he replied, "No." Deputy Santoyo said one of the witnesses said, "You're looking for my [redacted]," and directed him toward Suspect Hohn, who was walking toward them from across the street. Deputy Santoyo said the [redacted] did not indicate whether or not Suspect Hohn was armed with a weapon. In addition, he pointed out there was nothing specified in the call for service details to indicate Suspect Hohn was armed or agitated.

Deputy Santoyo said he and Deputy Nowell walked toward Suspect Hohn. Deputy Santoyo said Suspect Hohn walked calmly across the street, with his arms down to his side. Deputy Santoyo said as Suspect Hohn got closer, he noticed Suspect Hohn was holding a box cutter knife in his right hand, with the blade in the extended position. Deputy Santoyo said he told Suspect Hohn to put the knife down so they could talk. Suspect Hohn looked down and said, "No." Deputy Santoyo, again, told Suspect Hohn to put the knife down, which he replied, "Fuck you."

Deputy Santoyo said he removed his duty weapon from his holster and pointed it at Suspect Hohn. Deputy Santoyo said he was approximately fifteen feet away from Suspect Hohn when he drew his weapon. Deputy Santoyo said Deputy Nowell asked him if he had a Taser, which he replied was in his patrol car. As Deputy Nowell was retrieving the Taser, Deputy Santoyo said he repeatedly ordered Suspect Hohn to drop the knife, which he kept replying, "No." Deputy Santoyo said Suspect Hohn displayed a more aggressive look on his face.

Deputy Santoyo said after repeated orders to drop the knife, Suspect Hohn replied, "No. Fuck you. You're gonna have to kill me." Deputy Santoyo said Suspect Hohn raised his arm while holding the knife, and he quickly advanced toward him. Deputy Santoyo said he stepped back away from Suspect Hohn to keep distance between them. Deputy Santoyo said he could not let Suspect Hohn get closer without risking his, and his partner's safety. Deputy Santoyo said Suspect Hohn was approximately eight feet away from him when he fired his duty weapon three times.

Deputy Santoyo said he had good eyesight alignment, and good point of aim at Suspect Hohn. Deputy Santoyo said he did not see any foot or vehicle traffic on the street prior to the shooting.

Deputy Santoyo said he requested emergency radio communication with SCC, and advised he was involved in a deputy involved shooting. Deputy Santoyo said Deputy Nowell broadcast his location, requested medical assistance, and directed assisting units to block off the area.

Deputy Santoyo said he kept Suspect Hohn at gunpoint in case he tried to retrieve the knife that fell to the ground after he was shot. Deputy Santoyo said Deputy Nowell approached Suspect Hohn and held him on the ground until medical assistance arrived.

Deputy Santoyo said he was relieved at the scene and transported to Lakewood Sheriff's Station by Sergeant O'Donohue and Lieutenant Powers.

Deputy Santoyo was not injured during the incident.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS [redacted]:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 3, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators House and Fredendall. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 52-54]**. Witness [redacted] was looking out her bedroom window, and saw the shooting. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

WITNESS [redacted]:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 3, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators House and Fredendall. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 54-56]**. Witness [redacted] was inside the house when the shooting occurred. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

WITNESS [redacted]:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 3, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators House and Fredendall. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 56-57]**. Witness [redacted] was inside the house when the shooting occurred. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

WITNESS [redacted]:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 3, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators House and Fredendall. The interview was summarized in the Homicide

Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 50-52]**. Witness [redacted] saw the shooting while standing in front of her house, which was [redacted]. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Bureau Interview
On March 3, 2015, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Luera and O'Quinn. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 33-35]**. Witness [redacted] was not home, and did not see the shooting. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

SUSPECT STEVEN HOHN:

Homicide Bureau Interview

On March 6, and March 11, 2015 Suspect Steven Stout was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Luera and O'Quinn. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, page 39-34 and page 47-48]**. The interview was transcribed and placed as a permanent record within the IAB case file.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On January 20, 2106, Suspect Hohn was convicted of Assault with Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer/Firefighter, Penal Code 245(c). A copy of Minute Order for criminal case number VA138570 is located in **Miscellaneous Documents**.